

**DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Moldova, hereafter referred to as Parties,

Expressing their conviction that the cultural heritage of the American and Moldovan Nations must be preserved, protected, and transmitted to future generations,

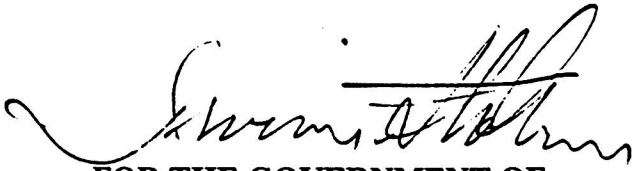
Acknowledging that it is desirable to promote a mutual knowledge of their cultures and heritages,

Expressing the importance of honoring the memories of victims of repression, war, and genocide,

Acknowledging that it is desirable to promote mutual cooperation to preserve cultural heritage,

Hereby declare that it is their intention to achieve an agreement to cooperate in efforts to protect, preserve, and recover appropriate sites of historical significance, places of worship, monuments, cemeteries, collections, memorials and archives associated with the cultural heritage of each Nation. With the purposes of realization of the present Declaration, both Parties will create bilateral working groups of experts in area.

Done at Chisinau this 15th day of September 2000 in duplicate, in English and Moldovan languages, each text being equally authentic.


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA